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December 14, 2007

Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section Environment and Natural Resources Division U.S. Department of Justice P.O. Box 7611 Ben Franklin Station Washington, D.C. 20044-7611

Re: Omega Chemical Corporation Superfund Site

Consent Decree in the matter of

US v. Abex Aerospace Division, et al. USDC CD Cal CV 00-012471

DJ #90-11-3-06529 File No.: 0438-011646

Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section:

Pursuant to paragraphs 84 and 92 of the Consent Decree in the matter of *United States v. Abex Aerospace Division, et al.*, USDC CD Cal Case No. CV 00-012471, settling defendant Pacific Gas and Electric Company hereby notifies the United States in writing of a "suit or claim for contribution" brought against Pacific Gas and Electric Company "for matters related" to the Consent Decree, i.e., regarding the Omega Chemical Corporation Superfund Site. A copy of the complaint in the "suit or claim for contribution" is enclosed for reference. The enclosed complaint, in the matter entitled *Angeles Chemical Company, Inc., et al. v. Omega Chemical PRP Group LLC, et al.*, USDC CD Cal Case No. EDCV07-1471 VAP (JCRx), was served upon Pacific Gas and Electric Company on December 5, 2007.

Regards,

Matthew G. Dudley

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9		S DISTRICT COURT	
]	CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CAL	IFORNIA – WESTERN DIVISION	
10	ANGELES CHEMICAL COMPANY, )	CASE NO:	
11	INC., a California corporation, JOHN ) LOCKE, an individual, GREVE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., a	EDCVO7-1471VAP (IC	R <sub>x</sub>
12	FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., a California corporation,	COMPLAINT FOR:	
14	Plaintiffs,	1. PRIVATE RECOVERY UNDER CERCLA; 2. DECLARATORY RELIEF	
15	v. {	UNDER FEDERAL LAW:	
16 17	OMEGA CHEMICAL PRP GROUP LLC; OMEGA CHEMICAL PRP GROUP; MCKESSON CORPORATION; ROBERT BERG; DONNA BERG; THE ESTATE OF	3. DAMAGES AND INJUNCTION FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE NUISANCE; 4. DAMAGES FOR TRESPASS; 5. EQUITABLE INDEMNITY; AND 6. DECLARATORY RELIEF	
18	ARNOLD ROSENTHAL, PEARL (	UNDER STATE LAW.	
19	ROSENTHAL; HAVERY SORKIN, SEYMOUR MOSLIN, AND THE ESTATE OF PAUL MASLIN; ABEX		
20 21	AEROSPACE DIVISION and PNEUMO-ABEX CORPORATION; AIR PRODUCTS AND CHEMICALS,		
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23	ALLIEDSIGNAL, INC. (now known as) HONEYWELL INTERNATIONAL, INC.); ALPHA THERAPEUTIC		
24	CORPORATION; APPLIED MICKO		
į	CIRCUITS CORPORATION; APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGIES II, )		
25 26	INC.; ARLON ADHEVISES & FILM; ) ARMOR ALL PRODUCTS		
	CORPORATION; AVERY DENNISON CORPORATION; BASF		i I
27 28	CORPORATION; BAXTER   HEALTHCARE CORPORATION;		
20	BOEING NORTH AMERICAN, INC.; BONANZA ALUMINUM CORP.; BORDEN, INC.; BOURNS, INC.;		

1	BROADWAY STORES, INC.;    CALSONIC CLIMATE CONTROL,
2	INC. (now known as CALSONIC ) NORTH AMERICA, INC.); CANON ) BUSINESS MACHINES, INC.;
1	BUSINESS MACHINES, INC.;
3	INTERNATIONAL PAPER )  COMPANY; WASTE )
4	MANAGEMENT, INC.; UNITED
-5	MANAGEMENT, INC.; UNITED DOMINION INDUSTRIES; CROSBY & OVERTON, INC.; DATATRONICS
6	ROMOLAND, INC.; DEL MAR ) AVIONICS, INC.; DEUTSCH
7	ENGINEERED CONNECTING ) DEVICES/DEUTSCH GAV; )
8	DISNEYLAND CENTRAL PLANT; )
	DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY; ) EATON CORPORATION; FHL )
9	GROUP; FIRMENICH ) INCORPORATED; FORENCO, INC.; )
10	GAISER TOOL COMPANY:
11	GAMBRO, INC.; GATX TERMINALS) CORPORTION; GENERAL
12	DYNAMICS CÓRPORATION; ) GEORGE INDUSTRIES; GOLDEN )
13	WEST REFINING COMPANY; )
	GREAT WESTERN CHEMICAL ) COMPANY; GSF ENERGY, L.L.C. )
14	(successor to GSF ENERGY, INC.); ) GULFSTREAM AEROSPACE
15	CORPORATION; HEXCEL
16	CORPORATION; HILTON HOTELS ) CORPORATION; HITACHI HOME )
17	ELECTRONICS (AMERICA), INC.; ) BP AMERICA INC.; HONEYWELL ) INTERNATIONAL INC.; HUBBEL )
18	INTERNATIONAL INC.; HUBBEL ) INC.; HUCK MANUFACTURING )
19	COMPANY (by its former parent )
	Federal Mogul Corporation); HUGHES ) SPACE AND COMMUNICATIONS )
20	COMPANY: HUNTINGTON PARK )
21	INTERNATIONAL RECTIFIER
22	INTERNATIONAL RECTIFIER CORPORAPTION; JAN-KENS ENAMELING COMPANY; JOHNS
23	MANVILLE INTERNATIONAL, ) INC.; K.C. PHOTO ENGRAVING )
24	CO.; KESTER SOLDER DIVISION, LITTON SYSTEMS, INC.;
	KIMBERLY CLARK WORLDWIDE, )
25	INC.; KOLMAR LABORATORIES, ) INC.; LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY; )
26	BRITISH ALCAN ALUMINUM, )
27	P.L.C.; MATTEL, INC.; MAXWELL ) TECHNOLOGIES, INC.; THE MAY ) DEPARTMENT STORES COMPANY)
28	DEPARTMENT STORES COMPANY) L.L.C.; McDONNELL DOUGLAS
	CORPORATION a wholley owned )
	subsidiary of the BOEING )

1	COMPANY; MEDEVA ) PHARMACEUTICALS CA, INC. )
2	(f/k/a MD PHARMACEUTICAL ) INC.); MICO INC.; MINNESOTA )
3	MINING AND MANUFACTURING )
]	COMPANY; QUALITY CARRIERS ) INC. (f/k/a MONTGOMERY TANK )
4	LINES, INC.); NATIONAL ) BROADCASTING COMPANY )
5	INTROVINCE CORPORATION (f/b/gs \
6	AT&T); NI INDUSTRIES (a division ) of TRIMAS, a wholly owned subsidiary) of MASCO TECH); NMB
7	of MASCO TECH); NMB TECHNOLOGIES CORP.: OHLINE
8	TECHNOLOGIES CORP.; OHLINE ) CORP.; OJAI MANUFACTURING ) TECHNOLOGY, INC.; SIEMENS
Ų	MEDICAL SYSTEMS, INC.;
9	PACIFIC BELL TELEPHONE
10	COMPANY; PACIFIC GAS & ) ELECTRIC CO.; PIONEER VIDEO ) MANUFACTURING INC.; PRINTED )
11	CIRCUITS UNLIMITED; POLYONE )
12	CORPORATION (formerly THE   )   GEON COMPANY); NELLCOR   PURITIAN-BENNETT L.L.C.;
13	PURITIAN-BENNETT L.L.C.;
14	FABRICATION, INC.; QUEST ) DIAGNOSTICS CLINICAL )
15	LABORATORIES, INC. (f/k/a BIO )
l	SCIENCE ENTERPRISES; RATHON ) CORP. (f/k/a DIVERSEY CORP.);
16	RATHEON COMPANY; REED & ) GRAHAM, INC.; RICHHOLD INC.; )
17	REMET CORPORATION; )
18	RESINART CORP.; ROBÍNSON ) PREZIOSO INC.; ROGERS )
19	CORPORATION; SAFETY-KLEEN ) SYSTEMS, INC. (f/k/a SAFETY-
20	LKEEN CORP.); SCRIPTO-TOKAI CORPORATION; SHELL OIL COMPANY; THE SHERWIN-
٥.	COMPANY; THE SHERWIN-
21	WILLIMAS COMPANY; SIERRACIN) CORPORATION; SIGMA CASTING
22	CORPORATION (now known as HOWMET ALUMINUM CASTING,
23	INC.); SIGNET ARMORLITE, INC.; SKYPARK MANUFACTURING, LLC
24	(formerly BURTIN URETHANE)
25	CORPORATION); SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON CO.;
26	SOUTHERN PACIFIC TRANSPORTATION CO. (now known)
27	as UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD )
	COMPANY); SPECIFIC PLATING ) COMPANY INC.; HARSCO
28	COMPANY INC.; HARSCO CORPORATION; BHP COATED STEEL CORP.; TELEDYNE
ļ	INDUSTRIES INC.; TELEDYNE

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TECHNOLOGIES INCORPORATED; )
       TENSION ENVELOPE CORP;
      TEXACO INC.; TEXAS INSTRUMENTS TUCSON CORPORATION (f/k/a BURR-
      BROWN CORP.); TITAN
COPRORATION; TODD PACIFIC
SHIPYARDS; TREASURE CHEST;
PACIFIC PRECISION METALS,
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      INC.; UNION OIL COMPANY OF
      CALIFRONIA; UNITED PARCEL
SERVICE, INC.; UNIVERSAL CITY
STUDIOS, INC.; VAN WATERS &
ROGERS INC. and VOPAK
       DISTRIBUTION AMERICAS
      CORPORATION (f/k/a UNIVAR CORPORATION); VERTEX MICROWAVE PRODUCTS, INC. (f/k/a GAMMA-F CORP.); WALT DISNEY PICTURES AND
       TELEVISION; WARNER-LAMBERT COMPANY; W&B MARKETING
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       INC.; WEBER AIRCRAFT L.P.;
WESTERN METAL DECORATING
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       CO. L.P.; YELLOW FREIGHT
SYSTEMS, INC.; YORK
INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION;
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       YORT INC. (f/k/a TROY LIGHTING, INC. – TIFFANY DIVISION);
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                          Defendants.
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ANGELES CHEMICAL COMPANY, INC., a California corporation, JOHN LOCKE, an individual, and GREVE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., a California corporation (hereinafter collectively "Plaintiffs") allege as follows:

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### STATEMENT OF ACTION

Plaintiffs bring this action against Defendants under CERCLA and 1. various other federal and state laws for the recovery of costs incurred and to be incurred by Plaintiffs in connection with the site commonly known as 8915 Sorenson Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, California ("Plaintiffs' Site") in response to a variety of claims and events, including but not limited to the following: (A) in response to investigations by the United States Environmental Protections Agency ("USEPA") regarding the Omega Chemical Superfund Site and Plaintiffs' Site; (B) in response to the releases and threat of releases of hazardous substances onto and from the real property commonly described as 12504 East Whittier Boulevard, Whittier, California ("Omega Site") which have inigrated onto Plaintiffs' Site and into the Omega Plume as defined below; (C) in response to the releases and threat of releases of hazardous substances onto and from various other properties within the geographical area surrounding the Plaintiffs' Site; and (D) in response to the releases and threat of releases of hazardous substances on, into and from the plume of deep groundwater migrating from the Omega Site, and other sites, on, into, onto and underneath the Plaintiffs' Site (among other sites) enveloping a large geographical area of Santa Fe Springs and Whittier areas known as the Omega Plume ("Omega Plume").

### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 2. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 9607 (a)(4)(B) (CERCLA cost recovery) and 28 U.S.C. §1331 (federal question). The causes of action alleged herein arise under the Constitution, laws, or treaties of the United States, or are supplemental thereto.
- 3. The Plaintiffs' claims for relief arise in this district. Venue is therefore appropriate in this district under 42 U.S.C. § 9607 (a)(4)(B) and 28 U.S.C. § 391(b).

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- 12. Defendants, McKesson Corporation, a California corporation, is a corporation that has been licensed to do business in the State of California, and is, and at all material times was the lessee, operator, or owner of the McKesson Site.
- 13. Defendants, Harvey Sorkin, Seymour Moslin, Joseph Sorkin, all individuals, and The Estate of Paul Maslin, deceased, were prior owners of the McKesson Site and at all material times hereto were the owners or operators of the McKesson Site.
- 14. Defendants, Robert Berg, Donna Berg, Pearl Rosenthal, all individuals, and The Estate of Arnold Rosenthal, deceased, were former owners of the Plaintiffs' Site and served as employees, officers, directors and/or shareholders of Plaintiff Angeles.
- At all times herein relevant, Defendant ABEX AEROSPACE 14. DIVISION and PNEUMO-ABEX CORPORATION was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 15. At all times herein relevant, Defendant AIR PRODUCTS AND CHEMICALS, INC. was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- At all times herein relevant, Defendant ALCOA INC. was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 17. At all times herein relevant, Defendant ALLIEDSIGNAL, INC. (now known as HONEYWELL INTERNATIONAL, INC.) was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- At all times herein relevant, Defendant ALPHA THERAPEUTIC 18. CORPORATION was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of California, authorized to do business in the State of California.

- 19. At all times herein relevant, Defendant APPLIED MICRO CIRCUITS CORPORATION was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 20. At all times herein relevant, Defendant APPROPRIATE
  TECHNOLOGIES II, INC. was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the
  State of California, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 21. At all times herein relevant, Defendant ARLON ADHEVISES & FILM was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 22. At all times herein relevant, Defendant ARMOR ALL PRODUCTS CORPORATION was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 23. At all times herein relevant, Defendant AVERY DENNISON

  CORPORATION was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 24. At all times herein relevant, Defendant BASF CORPORATION was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 25. At all times herein relevant, Defendant BAXTER HEALTHCARE CORPORATION was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 26. At all times herein relevant, Defendant BOEING NORTH

  AMERICAN, INC. was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of

  Delaware authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 27. At all times herein relevant, Defendant BONANZA ALUMINUM CORP. was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of California, authorized to do business in the State of California.

28. At all times herein relevant, Defendant BORDEN, INC. was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of New Jersey, authorized to do business in the State of California.

- 29. At all times herein relevant, Defendant BOURNS, INC. was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of California, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 30. At all times herein relevant, Defendant BROADWAY STORES, INC. was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 31. At all times herein relevant, Defendant CALSONIC CLIMATE CONTROL, INC. (now known as CALSONIC NORTH AMERICA, INC.) was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Tennessee, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 32. At all times herein relevant, Defendant CANON BUSINESS

  MACHINES, INC. was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of

  California, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 33. At all times herein relevant, Defendant INTERNATIONAL PAPER COMPANY was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 34. At all times herein relevant, Defendant WASTE MANAGEMENT, INC. was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 35. At all times herein relevant, Defendant UNITED DOMINION INDUSTRIES was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of California, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 36. At all times herein relevant, Defendant CROSBY & OVERTON, INC. was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of California, authorized to do business in the State of California.

- 37. At all times herein relevant, Defendant DATATRONICS
  ROMOLAND, INC. was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of
  Nevada, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 38. At all times herein relevant, Defendant DEL MAR AVIONICS, INC. was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of California, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 39. At all times herein relevant, Defendant DEUTSCH ENGINEERED CONNECTING DEVICES/DEUTSCH GAV was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of California, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 40. At all times herein relevant, Defendant DISNEYLAND CENTRAL PLANT was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of California, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 41. At all times herein relevant, Defendant DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 42. At all times herein relevant, Defendant EATON CORPORATION was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 43. At all times herein relevant, Defendant FHL GROUP was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of California, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 44. At all times herein relevant, Defendant FIRMENICH INCORPORATED was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 45. At all times herein relevant, Defendant FORENCO, INC. was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois, authorized to do business in the State of California.

- 46. At all times herein relevant, Defendant GAISER TOOL COMPANY was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of California, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 47. At all times herein relevant, Defendant GAMBRO, INC. was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Colorado, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 48. At all times herein relevant, Defendant GATX TERMINALS CORPORTION was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 49. At all times herein relevant, Defendant GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 50. At all times herein relevant, Defendant GEORGE INDUSTRIES was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of California, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 51. At all times herein relevant, Defendant GOLDEN WEST REFINING COMPANY was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of California, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 52. At all times herein relevant, Defendant GREAT WESTERN
  CHEMICAL COMPANY was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State
  of Washington, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 53. At all times herein relevant, Defendant GSF ENERGY, L.L.C. (successor to GSF ENERGY, INC.) was a limited liability company under the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 54. At all times herein relevant, Defendant GULFSTREAM AEROSPACE CORPORATION was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Georgia, authorized to do business in the State of California.

- 55. At all times herein relevant, Defendant HEXCEL CORPORATION was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 56. At all times herein relevant, Defendant HILTON HOTELS CORPORATION was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 57. At all times herein relevant, Defendant HITACHI HOME
  ELECTRONICS (AMERICA), INC. was a corporation incorporated under the laws
  of the State of California, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 58. At all times herein relevant, Defendant BP AMERICA INC. was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 59. At all times herein relevant, Defendant HONEYWELL
  INTERNATIONAL INC. was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State
  of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 60. At all times herein relevant, Defendant HUBBEL INC. was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Connecticut, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 61. At all times herein relevant, Defendant HUCK MANUFACTURING COMPANY (by its former parent Federal Mogul Corporation) was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Michigan, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 62. At all times herein relevant, Defendant HUGHES SPACE AND COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 63. At all times herein relevant, Defendant HUNTINGTON PARK RUBBER STAMP COMPANY was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of California, authorized to do business in the State of California.

- 1 64. At all times herein relevant, Defendant INTERNATIONAL 2 RECTIFIER CORPORAPTION was a corporation incorporated under the laws of 3 the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California. 65. 4 At all times herein relevant, Defendant JAN-KENS ENAMELING 5 COMPANY was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of 6 California, authorized to do business in the State of California. 7 66. At all times herein relevant, Defendant JOHNS MANVILLE INTERNATIONAL, INC. was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the 9 State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California. 10 At all times herein relevant, Defendant K.C. PHOTO ENGRAVING CO. was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of California, 11 12 authorized to do business in the State of California. 13 68. At all times herein relevant, Defendant KESTER SOLDER DIVISION, 14 LITTON SYSTEMS, INC. was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the 15 State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California. 69. At all times herein relevant, Defendant KIMBERLY CLARK 16 WORLDWIDE, INC. was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of 17 18 Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California. 19
  - 70. At all times herein relevant, Defendant KOLMAR LABORATORIES, INC. was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California.
  - 71. At all times herein relevant, Defendant LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of California, authorized to do business in the State of California.
  - 72. At all times herein relevant, Defendant BRITISH ALCAN
    ALUMINUM, P.L.C. was a public limited company under the laws of the State of
    California, authorized to do business in the State of California.

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73. At all times herein relevant, Defendant MATTEL, INC. was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California.

- 74. At all times herein relevant, Defendant MAXWELL
  TECHNOLOGIES, INC. was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State
  of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 75. At all times herein relevant, Defendant THE MAY DEPARTMENT STORES COMPANY L.L.C. was a limited liability company under the laws of the State of New York, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 76. At all times herein relevant, Defendant McDONNELL DOUGLAS CORPORATION a wholly owned subsidiary of the BOEING COMPANY was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 77. At all times herein relevant, Defendant MEDEVA
  PHARMACEUTICALS CA, INC. (f/k/a MD PHARMACEUTICAL INC.) was a
  corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of California, authorized to do
  business in the State of California.
- 78. At all times herein relevant, Defendant MICO INC. was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Minnesota, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 79. At all times herein relevant, Defendant MINNESOTA MINING AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 80. At all times herein relevant, Defendant QUALITY CARRIERS INC. (f/k/a MONTGOMERY TANK LINES, INC.) was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 81. At all times herein relevant, Defendant NATIONAL
  BROADCASTING COMPANY (NBC) was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California.

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- At all times herein relevant, Defendant OHLINE CORP. was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of California, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- At all times herein relevant, Defendant OJAI MANUFACTURING 86. TECHNOLOGY, INC. was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of California, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 87. At all times herein relevant, Defendant SIEMENS MEDICAL SYSTEMS, INC. was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 88. At all times herein relevant, Defendant PACIFIC BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of California, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 89. At all times herein relevant, Defendant PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC CO. was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of California, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 90. At all times herein relevant, Defendant PIONEER VIDEO MANUFACTURING INC. was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California.

- 91. At all times herein relevant, Defendant POLYONE CORPORATION (formerly THE GEON COMPANY) was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio, authorized to do business in the State of California
- 92. At all times herein relevant, Defendant PRINTED CIRCUITS UNLIMITED was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of California, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 93. At all times herein relevant, Defendant NELLCOR PURITIAN-BENNETT L.L.C. was a limited liability company under the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 94. At all times herein relevant, Defendant LONZA INC. was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 95. At all times herein relevant, Defendant QUALITY FABRICATION INC. was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of California, authorized to do business in the State of California
- 96. At all times herein relevant, Defendant QUEST DIAGNOSTICS CLINICAL LABORATORIES, INC. (f/k/a BIO SCIENCE ENTERPRISES) was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 97. At all times herein relevant, Defendant RATHON CORP. (f/k/a DIVERSEY CORP.) was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 98. At all times herein relevant, Defendant RATHEON COMPANY was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 99. At all times herein relevant, Defendant REED & GRAHAM INC. was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of California, authorized to do business in the State of California.

107. At all times herein relevant, Defendant SHELL OIL COMPANY was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California.

Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California.

108. At all times herein relevant, Defendant THE SHERWIN-WILLIMAS COMPANY was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio, authorized to do business in the State of California.

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- 109. At all times herein relevant, Defendant SIERRACIN CORPORATION was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California. 110. At all times herein relevant, Defendant SIGMA CASTING CORPORATION (now known as HOWMET ALUMINUM CASTING, INC.) was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California. 111. At all times herein relevant, Defendant SIGNET ARMORLITE, INC. was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California. 112. At all times herein relevant, Defendant SKYPARK MANUFACTURING, L.L.C. (formerly BURTIN URETHANE CORPORATION) was a limited liability company under the laws of the State of California, authorized to do business in the State of California. 113.
  - 113. At all times herein relevant, Defendant SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON CO. was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of California, authorized to do business in the State of California.
  - 114. At all times herein relevant, Defendant SOUTHERN PACIFIC TRANSPORTATION CO. (now known as UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY) was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California.
  - 115. At all times herein relevant, Defendant SPECIFIC PLATING COMPANY INC. was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of California, authorized to do business in the State of California.
  - 116. At all times herein relevant, Defendant HARSCO CORPORATION was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California.

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- 117. At all times herein relevant, Defendant BHP COATED STEEL CORP. was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 118. At all times herein relevant, Defendant TELEDYNE INDUSTRIES INC. was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of California, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 119. At all times herein relevant, Defendant TELEDYNE TECHNOLOGIES INCORPORATED was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 120. At all times herein relevant, Defendant TENSION ENVELOPE CORP. was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 121. At all times herein relevant, Defendant TEXACO INC. was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 122. At all times herein relevant, Defendant TEXAS INSTRUMENTS TUCSON CORPORATION (f/k/a BURR-BROWN CORP.) was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 123. At all times herein relevant, Defendant TITAN COPRORATION was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 124. At all times herein relevant, Defendant TODD PACIFIC SHIPYARDS was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 125. At all times herein relevant, Defendant TREASURE CHEST was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California.

- 135. At all times herein relevant, Defendant WEBER AIRCRAFT L.P. was a limited partnership under the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 136. At all times herein relevant, Defendant WESTERN METAL DECORATING CO., L.P. was a limited partnership under the laws of the State of California, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 137. At all times herein relevant, Defendant YELLOW FREIGHT SYSTEMS INC. was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Indiana, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 138. At all times herein relevant, Defendant YORK INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 139. At all times herein relevant, Defendant YORT INC. (f/k/a TROY LIGHTING, INC. TIFFANY DIVISION) was a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of California, authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 140. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and on that basis allege that at all relevant times, the Defendants, and each of them, were the partners, joint venturers, agents, employees, fiduciaries, servants and successors of each of the other remaining defendants, or a potentially responsible party within the meaning of 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a)(1)-(4), and at all relevant times were acting within the full course and scope of their authority, agency, employment, authorization and/or succession.
- 141. Plaintiffs allege on information and belief that at all times herein relevant, each Defendant was the agent, employee, representative, and/or co-partner of each of the other Defendant; acted in the course and scope of his or her agency, employment, representation, or partnership; and acted in concert with such other Defendant to perform the acts or omission alleged herein, or ratified or approved the acts of the others.

142. ŀ Plaintiffs are informed and believe and on that basis allege that 2 Defendants did, throughout their possession, transport hazardous substances and 3 wastes, deliver hazardous substances and wastes, and were responsible for the 4 process, purchase and storage, transport, handling, use, and treatment of such 5 hazardous substances. Defendants released and disposed of substantial quantities of 6 hazardous substances and wastes into the environment. 7 DEFINITIONS 8 143. Disposal or Dispose: As used in this Complaint, the term "Disposal" or 9 "Dispose" shall have the meaning set forth in SWDA § 1004 (3), 42 U.S.C. 6903(3): [t]he discharge, deposit, injection, dumping, spilling, 10 leaking or placing of any solid waste or hazardous waste into or on any land or water so that such waste or 11 hazardous waste or any constituent thereof may enter the environment or be emitted into the air or discharged into 12 any waters, including ground waters. 13 144. Environment: As used in this Complaint, the term "Environment" shall 14 have the meaning set forth in CERCLA § 101(8), 42 U.S.C. § 9601(8): 15 (A) the navigable waters, the waters of the contiguous 16 zone, and the ocean waters for which the natural resources are under the exclusive management authority of the 17 United States ... and (B) any other surface water, ground water, drinking water supply, land surface or subsurface strata, or ambient air within the United States or under the 1.8 jurisdiction of the United States. 19 145. Facility: As used in this Complaint, the term "Facility" shall have the 20 meaning set forth in CERCLA § 101(9), 42 U.S.C. § 9601(9): 21 (A) any building, structure, installation, equipment, pipe or pipeline (including any pipe into a sewer or publicly owned treatment works) well, pit, pond, lagoon, impoundment, ditch, landfill, storage container, motor 22 23 vehicle, rolling stock or aircraft or (B) any Site or area where a hazardous substance has been deposited, disposed 24 of, or placed, or otherwise come to be located 25 Hazardous Substance: As used in this Complaint, the term "Hazardous 146. 26 Substance" shall have the meaning set forth in CERCLA § 101(14)(B), 42 U.S.C. §

9601(14)(B) and CERCLA § 101(14)(C), 42 U.S.C. § 9601(14) (C), as listed by the

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1	USEPA at 40 C.F.R. § 302.4 pursuant to its authority under CERCLA § 102. 42		
2	U.S.C. § 9602 and applicable state law.		
3	147. Hazardous Waste: As used in this Complaint, the term "Hazardous		
4	Waste" shall have the meaning set forth in SWDA § 1004(5), 42 U.S.C. § 6905(5):		
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6 7	[a]ny solid waste, or combination of solid wastes, which because of its quantity, concentration, or physical chemical or infectious characteristics may -		
8	(A) cause or significantly contribute to an increase in mortality or any increase in serious irreversible, or incapacitating reversible illness; or		
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0	(B) pose a substantial present or potential hazard to human health or the environment when improperly treated, stored, transported, or disposed of, or otherwise managed.		
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	Hazardous Waste shall also include the definition of Hazardous Waste as defined by		
13	applicable state law and "Solid Waste" as set forth under SWDA § 1004(27), 42		
4	U.S.C. § 6903(27), and applicable state law.		
5	148. National Contingency Plan: As used in this Complaint, the term		
16	"National Contingency Plan" ("NCP") means the National Oil and Hazardous		
7	Substance Pollution Contingency Plan as set forth in 40 C.F.R. Part 300; the		
18	Congressionally-mandated plan developed by the EPA that delineates the required		
19	procedures for investigating, analyzing remedial alternatives, responding to, and		
20	abating the adverse effects of Releases of Hazardous Substances into the		
21	Environment.		
22	149. Property: As used in this Complaint, the term "Plaintiffs' Site" refers to		
23	real property commonly referred to as 8915 Sorenson Avenue, Santa Fe Springs,		
24	California.		
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150. Release: As used in this Complaint, the term "Release" shall have the meaning set forth in CERCLA § 101(22), 42 U.S.C. § 9601(22):

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[a]ny spill, leaking, pumping, pouring, emitting, emptying, discharging, injecting, escaping, leaching, dumping or disposing into the environment (including the abandonment or discharging of barrels, containers, and other closed receptacles containing any hazardous substance or pollutant or contaminant).

- 151. Response Cost(s): As used in this Complaint, the term "Response Costs" means the costs of "removal" and "remedial actions" of Hazardous Substances and/or Hazardous Wastes, as those terms are defined in CERCLA § 101(23) and (24), 42 U.S.C. § 9601(23) and (24), all other costs to respond to Releases of Hazardous Substances, as defined in CERCLA § 101(25), 42 U.S.C. § 9601(25). Such costs include, but are not limited to, costs incurred to monitor, assess and evaluate the Release of Hazardous Substances and/or Hazardous Waste as well as costs of removal and Disposal of the Hazardous Substance and/or Hazardous Waste. Such costs also include those incurred in actions to permanently remedy the Release of Hazardous Substances and/or Hazardous Waste, including, but not limited to (1) the storage, confinement, cleanup of Hazardous Substances or Hazardous Waste, (2) the recycling or reuse, diversion, destruction or segregation of reactive wastes, (3) the dredging or excavation, repair or replacement of leaking containers, and (4) any other such action necessary to protect public health, welfare and the Environment. The term "Response Cost" also means any costs and attorneys' fees incurred in enforcing either removal or remedial actions or CERCLA's scheme for liability, compensation and cost-recovery, set forth in CERCLA § 102(25), 42 U.S.C. § 9601(25).
- 152. "Malice" and/or "malicious" means conduct which is intended by the defendant to cause injury to the plaintiff, or despicable conduct carried on by the defendant with a willful and conscious disregard of the rights or safety of others.

153. "Oppression" or "oppressive" means despicable conduct that subjects a person to cruel and unjust hardship in conscious disregard of that person's rights.

154. "Fraud" or "fraudulent" means an intentional misrepresentation, deceit, or concealment of a material fact known to the defendant. In addition, proof of fraud requires a showing that the defendant intended to deprive a person of property or legal rights, or cause some other injury.

## **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 155. The Omega Chemical Corporation operated a spent solvent and refrigerant recycling and treatment facility from approximately 1976 through 1991 at the Omega Site, approximately 1.5 miles upgradient from the Plaintiffs' Site. During Omega Chemical Corporation's years of operations, drums and bulk loads of waste solvent, chemicals and hazardous materials from various industrial activities and generators were processed at the Omega Site and other activities occurred respecting hazardous substances received at the Omega Site.
- 155. The USEPA issued Unilateral Administrative Order 95-15 ("UAO") on May 9, 1995, and amended the same in September 1995. Among other things, the UAO required the removal of various containers of materials, drums of hazardous waste and decommissioning of certain equipment at the Omega Site. The second portion of the UAO required investigation of the extent of soil and groundwater contamination at, or from, the Omega Site.
- 156. On January 9, 1999, pursuant to CERCLA § 105, 42 U.S.C. § 9605, the USEPA placed the Omega Site on the National Priorities List, set forth at 40 C.F.R., Part 300, Appendix B. 64 Red. Reg. 2950.
- 157. On or about April 1, 1999, the USEPA issued special notice letters to a group of potentially responsible parties, including assignors to Defendant Omega Chemical LLC and members of the Defendant Omega Chemical PRP Group, an unincorporated association ("OPOG") in connection with the Omega Site.
- 158. On February 28, 2001, the USEPA and many of the Defendants entered into a Partial Consent Decree for work on the Omega Site. *United States of America*

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- 159. The USEPA on its website has characterized the Omega Plume as contributing to soil and groundwater contamination with various volatile organic compounds (VOCs), including most prevalently perchloroethylene (PCE), trichloroethylene (TCE), Freon 11 and Freon 113, which most notably encompass the Plaintiffs' Site, the Omega Site, the McKesson Site (defined below) and various other sites.
- 160. Starting on or about 1976-77, Angeles Chemical Company, Inc. ("Angeles") began operating a chemical supplier business at Plaintiffs' Site, approximately 1.5 miles downgradient from the Omega Site. Mr. John Locke served Angeles as a shareholder, officer, director and employee of Angeles.

  156. In February 2001, Angeles sold the Plaintiffs' Site to Greve Financial Services, Inc. ("Greve").
- General Notice Letter from the USEPA naming them as potentially responsible parties ("PRPs") in connection with the investigation of the Omega Chemical Corporation Superfund Site, including the areal extent (i.e. plume) of contaminated groundwater emanating from the Omega Site commonly known as the Omega Plume. All Defendants have also received similar PRP letters from the USEPA regarding the Omega Chemical Superfund Site investigation, including contamination to the Omega Site and the Omega Plume.
- 162. Adjacent to the Plaintiffs' Site, located at 9000 Sorenson Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, California, and completely within the Omega Plume, is a property ("McKesson Site") leased and/or owned by McKesson Chemical Company, a division of McKesson Corporation, and/or McKesson Corporation ("McKesson") at all relevant times herein.

- 163. Harvey Sorkin, Seymour Moslin, and the Estate of Paul Maslin were owners of the McKesson Site at all times relevant in this Complaint ("Sorkin Parties").
- 164. Plaintiffs allege that McKesson and the Sorkin Parties have contaminated the McKesson Site, the Plaintiffs Site and the Omega Plume.
- 165. At all material times, Plaintiffs have suffered business losses, loss of real estate value, and incurred unnecessary testing and response costs as a result of Defendants' contamination of Plaintiffs' Site, the Omega Site, the McKesson Site and the Omega Plume.
- 166. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that Defendants, and each of them, beginning in the mid-1970's, owned and/or operated on one or more sites upon which Hazardous Substances were Released, and/or transported, handled, and/or generated Hazardous Substances that were Released, and have migrated on or into the Plaintiffs' Site, including the soils and groundwater, and also the Omega Plume.
- 167. The Hazardous Substances Released through sudden and accidental spills and/or other Releases included chlorinated hydrocarbon compounds, and VOCs, that have been Released into the Omega Plume and on and into the Plaintiffs' Site.
- 168. The Hazardous Substances Released by Defendants have caused and contributed to contamination of soil and groundwater underlying the Plaintiffs' Site, surrounding properties, and the Omega Plume.
- 169. Plaintiffs have incurred costs and expenses to test, sample, characterize, and remediate the Hazardous Substances released by Defendants in the soil and groundwater.
- 170. The Plaintiffs seek declarations by this Court under all relevant federal and state laws that Defendants are:

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- (1) jointly and severally liable for the presence of hazardous substances contamination at the Omega Site, Plaintiffs' Site, McKesson Site, and in the Omega Plume; and
- (2) jointly and severally liable for general damages and all costs or expenses, including attorneys' fees, necessary to respond to the release and threat of release of hazardous substances onto and from the Omega Site, Plaintiffs' Site, McKesson Site, and the Omega Plume; and
- (3) must reimburse the Plaintiffs for all costs or expenses, including attorneys' fees, that they have incurred and will incur for the testing, investigation, abatement, remediation and removal of hazardous substances contamination from the structures, soils, subsoils, surface water, and groundwater at and in the vicinity of the Plaintiffs' Site, Omega Site, McKesson Site and the Omega Plume.
- 171. The grounds for such declaratory relief are that Plaintiffs currently own and/or operated property adjacent to the McKesson Site, Omega Site, and enveloped by the Omega Plume, and Defendants owned and/or operated on the McKesson Site, Omega Site or one or more facilities which generated the hazardous substances or wastes that were disposed of or released, at or near the McKesson Site, Omega Site, or Omega Plume, or transported, generated and/or arranged for the disposal of hazardous substances, at or near the Omega Site, McKesson Site and/or Omega Plume that resulted in both onsite and offsite soil and groundwater contamination to the Plaintiffs' Site, Omega Site, McKesson Site, and Omega Plume.
- 172. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereon allege, that Defendants caused contamination and pollution of the structures, soil, subsoil, surface water and groundwater at and in the vicinity of the Plaintiffs' Site, Omega Site, McKesson Site and the Omega Plume through the negligent, improper, illegal and unreasonable transport, generation, handling, usage, storage, disposal and/or release of hazardous substances, hazardous wastes, VOCs and petroleum hydrocarbons waste and products.

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173. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that, at all material times,
Defendants through various spills and Releases, the handling of various chemicals,
Releases from tankers, trucks and trailers, the rinsing of drums, leaking underground
storage tanks and disposal of chemicals and hazardous substances released millions
of gallons of hazardous substances into the environment, including the Plaintiffs'
Site, Omega Site, McKesson Site and the Omega Plume, among other adjacent
properties. The Releases of Hazardous Substances caused and continues to cause
contamination to Plaintiffs' Site and underlying soil and groundwater through the
migration of hazardous substances on the surface, through the vadose zone, and in
the groundwater.

174. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that, at all material times, Defendants negligently, oppressively, fraudulently, maliciously, recklessly and/or intentionally caused soil and groundwater contamination.

Defendants released and dumped chemicals into the environment negligently, oppressively, fraudulently, maliciously, recklessly and/or intentionally knowing or being aware of the fat the chemical they were dumping would or may cause contamination to soil, groundwater and surrounding properties. Defendants negligently, oppressively, fraudulently, maliciously, recklessly and/or intentionally concealed the nature and extent of the releases and the extent of the contamination.

175. At all times mentioned, Defendants knew of their release of hazardous chemicals created an unreasonably dangerous condition. Despite such knowledge, Defendants willfully and recklessly, in conscious disregard of the rights and safety of Plaintiffs, the public, its customers and employees, continued to release hazardous substances, concealed the release of hazardous substances, concealed the nature and extent of the release of hazardous substances, and failed to take corrective action to repair the damage caused by the releases. At all times mentioned, Defendants conduct in committing the releases, concealing the facts and failing to take corrective action of the damage and contamination caused by its conduct was intended by Defendants to cause injury to Plaintiffs, the public and the environment, or the

despicable conduct was carried on by the Defendants with a willful and conscious disregard of the rights and safety of others. At all times mention, Defendants' despicable conduct subjected Plaintiffs to cruel and unjust hardship in conscious disregard of Plaintiffs' and others' rights. At all times mention, Defendants' conduct in covering up the nature, extent and cause of the underlying contamination amounted to intentional misrepresentations, deceit, or concealment of material facts known to Defendants.

- 176. Plaintiff Greve is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges that Robert Berg, Donna Berg, Pearl Rosenthal and the Estate of Arnold Rosenthal (collectively, the "Berg Defendants") were former owners of the Plaintiffs' Site and were former employees, officers, directors and/or shareholders of Angeles and participated in the management, control and operation of Angeles, including the use, handling and release of petroleum hydrocarbons and hazardous waste on the Plaintiffs' Site.
- 177. Plaintiffs have provided notice under RCRA and will be filing an amended complaint including RCRA claims after the notice requirement has been satisfied.

# FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Recovery of Response Costs)

(Pursuant to CERCLA §§ 107(a)(1-4)(B) - Plaintiffs against all Defendants)

- 178. Plaintiffs refer to and reallege paragraphs 1 through 177 of this Complaint and incorporate them herein by reference.
- 179. Pursuant to the provisions of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C §§ 9601-9675,

  Defendants, as prior owners and/or operators of the Omega Site, Plaintiffs' Site,
  and/or McKesson Site from which Hazardous Substances were released, and as
  transporters, handlers, generators, users, disposers, releasors or storers, are liable for
  Response Costs appropriate to the Plaintiffs' Site, Omega Site, McKesson Site,
  Omega Plume and surrounding properties, and to reimburse the United States or the
  State of California if either undertakes such activity.

Plaintiffs, who are "persons" as defined in CERCLA § 101(21), 42 180. 1 2 U.S.C. § 9601(21), and SWDA § 1004(15), 42 U.S.C. § 9603(15), have been and 3 currently remain engaged in conducting studies and other activities designed to develop an appropriate response plan for removal and/or remedial action with regard 4 5 to the Release of Hazardous Substances. Plaintiffs have incurred, and will continue 6 to incur, substantial Response Costs to be determined according to proof at trial. To 7 date, Plaintiffs have incurred Response Costs to fully characterize the Plaintiffs' Site, 8 including, but not limited to, soil sampling; installation of groundwater monitoring 9 wells; sampling such wells and having all samples analyzed; drilling soil borings in 10 order to define the groundwater configuration, contamination and flow direction all of which is designed to provide adequate information for a feasibility study of 11 12 remedial alternatives. In addition, Plaintiffs will incur an as yet undetermined 13 amount to address existing and future groundwater issues. All such Response Costs incurred and that will be incurred have been and will continue to be necessary and 15 consistent with the NCP. 16 181. Each Defendant did, over extended periods of time, generate, transport,

- 181. Each Defendant did, over extended periods of time, generate, transport, handle, use, store, dispose of, release and/or cause the Disposal of Hazardous Substances directly into the Environment and/or in such other manner at the Plaintiffs' Site, Omega Site, McKesson Site and/or Omega Plume, so as to cause the Release or exacerbation of the release of Hazardous Substances into the Environment.
- 182. Each establishment owned and/or operated by each Defendant was, and is a Facility.
- 183. At relevant times, each Defendant was the operator of its respective facility because each Defendant exercised control over and managed its establishment, and determined and implemented the policies and procedures by which its establishment operated.

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all necessary Response Costs and any other costs and attorneys' fees, past or future,

incurred by Plaintiffs in responding to the released and/or threatened release of

Hazardous Substances and/or Hazardous Waste or taking any other removal or

remedial action as a result of Defendants' acts and conduct.

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- 191. Substantial costs will be incurred by Plaintiffs over time and after conclusion of this action. Unless declaratory relief is granted, it will be necessary for Plaintiffs to commence many successive actions against Defendants, and each of them, to secure compensation for the costs incurred and damages sustained, thus requiring a multiplicity of suits.
- 192. Plaintiffs are entitled to and hereby seek a declaratory judgment, pursuant to CERCLA § 107, 42 U.S.C. § 9607, of Defendants' liability to Plaintiffs for all Response Costs incurred or to be incurred by Plaintiffs in implementing the remedial action plan for responding to the Releases of Hazardous Substances and/or Hazardous Waste and adverse environmental consequences at issue.
- 193. Plaintiffs are entitled to and hereby seek a declaratory judgment, pursuant to SWDA § 1002, 42 U.S.C. § 6972, of Defendants' liability to Plaintiffs for all Response Costs incurred or to be incurred by Plaintiffs in removing and/or remediating Plaintiffs' Site due to the Release of Hazardous Substances and/or Hazardous Waste which pose an immediate and substantial endangerment to health and the environment.
- 194. The Plaintiffs are entitled to, and hereby seek, a judicial determination pursuant to the Federal Declaratory Relief Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2201, of Plaintiffs' right to reimbursement from and indemnification by Defendants, and each of them, for all costs, jointly and severally, which Plaintiffs may incur resulting from Defendants Release of Hazardous Substances and/or Hazardous Waste into the Environment.

### THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

# (For Public and Private Nuisance-Plaintiffs Against All Defendants)

- 195. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by this reference paragraphs 1 through 194 of this Complaint.
- 196. Defendants' tortious and unlawful actions and omissions constitute an unreasonable use of the Plaintiffs' Site, Omega Site, McKesson Site, and/or Omega Plume and have caused a condition that is injurious to the health and offensive to the

- 197. Defendants' acts and omissions have created or assisted in the creation of a continuing nuisance which continues to damage the property and the Plaintiffs on a daily basis. Each actual and/or threatened Release and migration of the contamination gives rise to a new CLAIM FOR RELIEF until such time as the contamination is completely remediated.
- 198. The nuisance is specifically injurious to Plaintiffs and any damages and injuries resulting from it are different in type and effect than any damages and injuries to the entire community or neighborhood.
- 199. The nuisance has caused and will continue to cause special injuries to the Plaintiffs to the extent Plaintiffs incurred or will continue to incur expenses to investigate, assess or monitor, remove, remediate and abate the nuisance, and to the extent the nuisance has injured the subject property.
- 200. Plaintiffs have requested and continue to seek to have Defendants, and each of them, abate the nuisance, but Defendants have failed to abate the nuisance and it continues to exist.
- 201. If the nuisance is not abated, Plaintiffs will suffer irreparable harm and injury. Any hardship imposed on Defendants in abating the nuisance will not be disproportionate to the hardship Plaintiffs have suffered and will continue to suffer as a result of the nuisance.
- 202. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and on that basis allege that the contamination caused by Defendants' actions and inactions, and each of them, may be subjecting adjacent and nearby properties and owners and residents to damage and injury. Defendants' failure to timely abate the nuisance and contamination will increase the damage and injury to the Plaintiffs' Site and to adjacent properties, as well as cause potential damage and injury to the groundwater beneath the properties, including the Omega Plume.

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Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by this reference paragraphs 1

- 207. The Release of Hazardous Substances and/or Hazardous Waste, the resulting contamination and the continued migration of such Hazardous Substances and/or Hazardous Waste has constituted and continues to constitute a continuing unauthorized trespass onto the Plaintiffs' Site in violation of Plaintiffs' rights.
- 208. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and on that basis allege that Defendants, and each of them, acted intentionally in undertaking the conduct that caused the trespass in failing to abate the trespass, and in allowing the trespass to continue.
- 209. Plaintiffs have requested and continue to seek to have Defendants, and each of them, abate and discontinue the trespass, but Defendants have failed to do so and the trespass continues to exist.
- 210. If the trespass is not abated and discontinued, Plaintiffs will suffer irreparable harm and injury. Any hardship imposed on Defendants in abating and discontinuing the trespass will not be disproportionate to the hardship Plaintiffs have suffered and will continue to suffer as a result of the trespass.
- 211. As a direct, proximate and foreseeable result of the acts and omissions of Defendants, and each of them, Plaintiffs have suffered general, consequential and compensatory damages in amounts that are not yet fully ascertained. These damages include, but are not limited to the following:
  - Damage to the soil and groundwater on the subject property;
  - b. Damage for the loss of use of the Plaintiffs' Site and particularly during the assessment and remediation period; and
  - c. Any and all amounts Plaintiffs have incurred or will incur for the investigation, assessment, monitoring, removal and remediation of the contamination. These amounts are in excess of the minimum jurisdictional

amounts of this court and will be established according to proof at the time of trial.

- 212. Plaintiffs hereby request that a mandatory and/or prohibitory injunction be issued, requiring Defendants, and each of them, to abate the nuisance and/or to perform such investigation, assessment, monitoring, removal and remediation, as is necessary to abate the nuisance.
- 213. Moreover, as Defendants' conduct was and continues to be negligent, oppressive, reckless, malicious, fraudulent, intentional and/or illegal, Plaintiffs, and each of them, are entitled to punitive damages and/or exemplary damages to the extent that they are an available remedy under the law.

### FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

# (Equitable Indemnity - Plaintiffs Against All Defendants)

- 214. Plaintiffs refer to and reallege paragraphs 1 through 213 of this Complaint and incorporates them by reference.
- 215. Plaintiffs have been, and will continue to be, compelled by the operation of applicable Federal and State laws to incur necessary Response Costs consistent with the NCP and other abatement costs to investigate, study, and remove the pollutants from the surface and sub-surface soils and groundwater beneath and adjacent to the property and to take other response actions necessary to protect public health and the environment, and to enforce the liability schemes set forth in RCRA, CERCLA and in State and local laws.
- 216. Defendants, and each of them, are entirely liable for that contamination as a result of the Release of Hazardous Substances and/or Hazardous Wastes into the Environment. The Release of Hazardous Substances and/or Hazardous Wastes into the Environment by Defendants was negligent, careless, wrongful, and unlawful. Plaintiffs' statutory liability for the costs of environmental assessment clean-up and remediation is solely the result of Defendants' negligent, careless, wrongful and unlawful conduct in the course of their profit-making activities. The Defendants

have benefitted monetarily from their inexpensive but environmentally irresponsible methods of Disposing of their toxic wastes.

217. Defendants, and each of them, are therefore bound and obligated, jointly and severally to indemnify and hold harmless Plaintiffs from and against any and all Response Costs and any other costs heretofore or hereafter incurred by Plaintiffs to responding to the Release of Hazardous Substances and Hazardous Wastes by Defendants.

### SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Declaratory Relief Under State Law - Plaintiffs Against All Defendants)

- 218. Plaintiffs refer to and reallege paragraphs 1 through 217, of this Complaint and incorporate them by reference.
- 219. A dispute has arisen and an actual controversy exists between Plaintiffs and Defendants in that Plaintiffs claim that Defendants are jointly and severally obligated to indemnify Plaintiffs against, and reimburse Plaintiffs for, all Response Costs and any other costs heretofore or hereafter incurred by Plaintiffs in removing the Hazardous Substances and/or Hazardous Waste or taking any other removal or remedial action as a result of Defendants' conduct complained of herein, and Defendants deny such obligation.
- 220. Substantial costs will be incurred by Plaintiffs over time and after conclusion of this action. Unless declaratory relief is granted, it will be necessary to commence many successive actions against Defendants to secure compensation for damages sustained, thus requiring a multiplicity of suits.
- 221. Plaintiffs request a judicial determination pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1060 of Plaintiffs' right to reimbursement and indemnification by Defendants for all costs heretofore or hereafter incurred by Plaintiffs as a result of Defendants' conduct complained of herein

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment as against Defendants, and each of them, as follows:

#### AS TO THE FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF FOR 1 PRIVATE RECOVERY UNDER CERCLA 2 For Plaintiffs' Response Costs under CERCLA; 1. 3 2. 4 For attorneys' fees; and 3. For costs of suit incurred herein. 5 AS TO THE SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF FOR 6 7 DECLARATORY RELIEF UNDER FEDERAL LAW 8 4. For a declaration that Defendants, jointly and severally, are obligated to pay to Plaintiffs all past and future Response Costs and any other costs incurred by 9 10 Plaintiffs hereafter in response, removal or remediation efforts incurred pursuant to a 11 state or federal agency-issued and/or court-approved remedial action plan that is 12 required by the NCP in order to properly respond to the discharge of Hazardous 13 Waste and Hazardous Substances by Defendants; 5. For attorneys' fees; and 14 6. 15 For costs of suit incurred herein. AS TO THE THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF 16 DAMAGES FOR PRIVATE NUISANCE 17 18 7. For a mandatory, preliminary and permanent injunction ordering the 19 Defendants to undertake, at their expense, all of the environmental engineering investigation, studies, monitoring and response actions necessary to respond to, 20 abate and remediate fully and promptly the nuisance condition resulting from the 21 release of Hazardous Waste and/or Hazardous Substances at and emanating from the 22 23 Property in a manner consistent with the NCP or as otherwise provided by law; For nuisance abatement and cleanup costs from Defendants, jointly and 24 severally, in an amount equal to all Response Costs and all other costs incurred in 25 response to the nuisance condition resulting from the discharge of contaminants by 26 Defendants, according to proof at trial; 27 For compensatory damages according to proof, including, but not 9. 28 limited to, lost profits and economic loss, loss of use, diminution of fair market

1	22.	Moreover, as Defendants' conduct was and continues to be negligent,
2	oppressive,	reckless, malicious, fraudulent, intentional and/or illegal, Plaintiffs, and
3	each of them	n, are entitled to punitive damages and/or exemplary damages to the
4	extent that th	ney are an available remedy under the law.
5		AS TO THE FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF
6		<b>EQUITABLE INDEMNITY</b>
7	23.	For a declaration that Plaintiffs are entitled to full indemnity from
8	Defendants,	jointly and severally, for all Response Costs and any other costs
9	incurred in r	emoval or remediation efforts in response to the discharge of pollutants
10	by Defenda	nts.
11	24.	For attorneys' fees; and
12	25.	Costs of suit incurred herein.
13		AS TO THE SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF
14		DECLARATORY RELIEF UNDER STATE LAW
15	26.	For a declaration that Defendants, jointly and severally, are
16	obligated to	pay to Plaintiffs all past and future Response Costs and any
17	other costs in	ncurred by Plaintiffs hereafter in response, removal or
18	remediation	efforts incurred pursuant to a state or federal agency-issued
19	and/or court	-approved remedial action plan that is required by the NCP
20	in order to p	roperly respond to the discharge of pollutants by Defendant
21	and as other	wise provided by law;
22	27.	For attorneys' fees; and
23	28.	For costs of suit incurred herein.
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,	AS TO ALL CLAIMS FOR RELIEF
1 2	29. Demand for Jury Trial.
3	30. For damages in an amount that is yet to be ascertained.
4	31. For such other and further relief as this Court deems just
5	and proper.
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